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God of all creation who gives us this beautiful day
and life itself, who hung the stars in the sky,
and who also generously provides our daily bread,
we welcome you into our presence.
Dear Lord, what can I do for you today?

May 6, 2018 — 6th Sunday of Easter

JESUS LOVES* YOU

***Conditions do not apply**

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John 15:9-17

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of grace and glory,

C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ☩ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

ELW HYMN 358

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
 au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
 name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
 sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
 liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
 ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
 ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
 God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 8:26-40

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

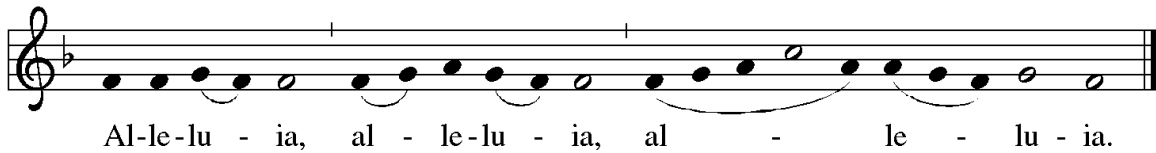
⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

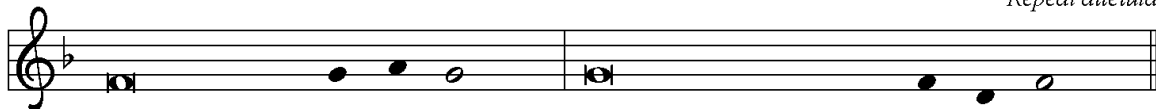
L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME & SERMON

INTERIM PASTOR ALAN SAATKAMP

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW HYMN 661

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, your voice calls us to worship. Where discord bellows within the church, unite us in harmony. Where we lack direction, guide us in singing your song with our unique voices. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy One, you hear all our moans and groans. Where lament and the blues resound, send us to listen. Send us to comfort. Send us to build relationships rooted in your justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Serenade the estranged and all who suffer alone. Give rest to overworked caregivers and comfort to all in need of healing. Today we pray especially for Walt Laughlin, Carl Quarnstrom, Peggy Buchholz, Eleanor Jewell, Rosemary O'Neil, and Gay Marker. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Eternal Song, you call us to share our gifts for your glory. We thank you and praise you for our musicians and vocalists, choir directors and hymn writers. Bless all who lead and all who sing in worship. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of life, bless Jim Erickson, Brandon Soldan, and Donna Allen as they celebrate their birthdays, and Naomi Walker, Karen Arney, Marcy Carlson, Pam Kobbeman, Emily McGinnis, and Rosie Nichols as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P In thanksgiving for members and friends everywhere, we pray for the congregations of Our Savior Lutheran in Jefferson City and Metro Lutheran Ministry in Kansas City, Missouri, Cross of Glory Lutheran in Derby and Christ Lutheran in Eureka, Kansas. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Your goodness echoes through all time with the songs of the saints. Thank you for all the disciples who have mentored us through their gift of music. Keep your song within us this day and always. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name
 and join their unending hymn:

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave
 thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my
 body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

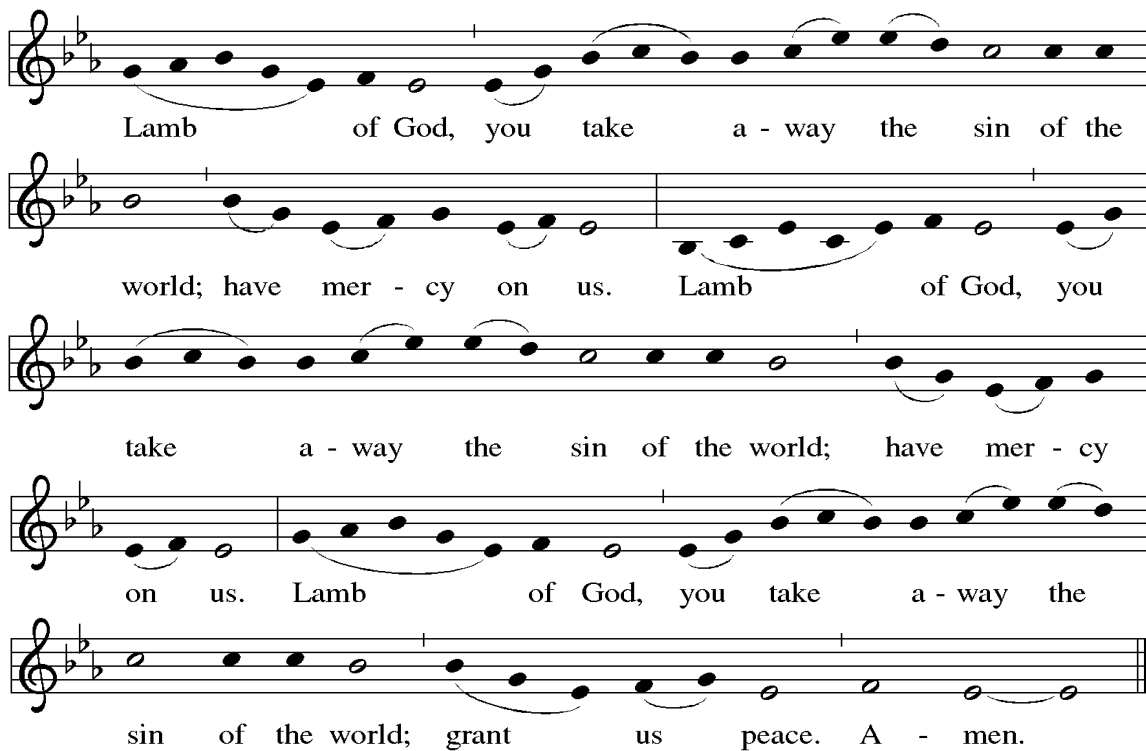
THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!
Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

Note: we now have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>	ELW HYMN 461
	<i>Jesus Loves Me!</i>	ELW HYMN 595

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.
Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	ELW HYMN 840
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DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Alan Saatkamp, 605-214-1469.

Pentecost is May 20th!

Remember to wear red to celebrate the day!

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS							
Date	General	Other	Flowers	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Apr. 8	\$2,947.00	\$28.89	\$0.00	\$2,975.89	-\$2,643.92	\$331.97	38/27
Apr. 15	\$3,437.27	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$3,837.27	-\$2,643.92	\$1,193.35	36/33
Apr. 22	\$3,051.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,051.00	-\$2,643.92	\$407.08	47/41
Apr. 29	\$2,470.53	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$2,585.53	-\$2,643.92	-\$58.39	37/35
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.							
			Income	Expense	hind/Ahead		
		Mar. 2018	\$9,599.00	-\$9,607.61	-\$8.61		
		Jan. thru Mar.	\$29,132.16	-\$31,101.91	-\$1,969.75		

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton	Marie Henriksen	Ron Owensby
Lucille Brill	Don Longren	Keith Springer
Peggy Buchholz	Shawn Nowak	Naomi Walker
Marlene Hassan	Roy O'Neil	Evelyn Johnson



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, May 6..... Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Children's Sunday School 9:00 AM
Adult Sunday School/Confirmation Class 9:15 AM
Blood Pressure Checks after worship

Mon., May 7 Women's AA 5:00 PM

Tues., May 8.....Quilters..... 9:00 AM
 Learning Committee Meeting..... 4:45 PM
 Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM

Wed., May 9 Women's AA 5:30 PM
 Historic Old Town NIA Meeting..... 6:30 PM

Thurs., May 10.....Men's AA 7:00 PM

Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day
 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM
 Children's Sunday School 9:00 AM
Adult Sunday School/Confirmation Class 9:15 AM
 Youth Group Meeting 5:30 PM

Pr. Alan will be in Topeka Monday, May 7th and Tuesday, May 8th.

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
May 6, 2018	Linda Longren	Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Curt Lewis	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Howard & Loni Reece	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
May 13, 2018	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Diane Bottorff	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Parker Jackson	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Donna Allen, Marilyn Heckman & Carol Marker	Ted Murphy	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
May 20, 2018	Pam Kobbeman	Linda Longren	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	LaVell Winsor	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Bill & Marsha Ridinger	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Gary Teske

Please call the office, 233-0767, promptly about hospitalizations in our church family.



To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 249-7244. She will get the prayer chain started.



The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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